Dr. Allison Brashear began as Dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine in July 2019. She oversees one of the nation's top research, academic and medical training institutions, with 761 full-time faculty and approximately 450 students.

As an internationally known researcher in movement disorders, Dr. Brashear added her expertise to a school that is a national leader in research – ranked 18th nationally for her field of neurosciences – as well as a one of America's top medical schools in academics and training.

Before joining UC Davis, Dr. Brashear was professor and chair of the Department of Neurology at Wake Forest School of Medicine, leading a team whose research and clinical innovation led to new models of neurological care. At Wake Forest she was also an active clinician and held the Walter C. Teagle Endowed Chair of Neurology.

She also holds an M.B.A. focused on health-sector management and has expertise in health policy, hospital-clinical integration, academics and research. Dr. Brashear has been a career-long champion of inclusion and patient-centered care, and has worked actively to help advance women in leadership across academic medicine.

Brashear and her husband, Clifford Ong, have two children and two rescue dogs.